

## “Let’s focus on preventing crime, holding people accountable for the crimes they commit and making sure we keep our communities safe.”

The safety of our children, our elders, our streets and our neighborhoods is a basic responsibility of citizens and government, working together.

I intend to maintain and improve public safety by making better use of resources in the prison system, taking advantage of technology to catch criminals and speeding the administration of justice, providing treatment for more nonviolent drug users, and covering medical costs for victims of violent and sex crimes.

### My Budget For Improving Public Safety

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**1 Holds people accountable for committing crimes.** People who break the law must be held accountable for their actions. This budget prepares for an expanding prison population and keeps dangerous sex offenders in secure treatment facilities.

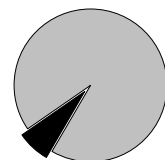
**2 Solves crimes and mobilizes communities.** My plan funds staffing at new crime laboratories and will improve how police, courts and corrections officials obtain and share information about offenders all across Washington State.

Working together, communities can make a real difference. That’s why I’m funding programs that bring communities together to reduce violence and drug abuse.

**3 Takes care of victims and rehabilitates those who need treatment.** Unfortunately, violence and drug abuse are a reality.

My budget makes sure that victims of crime get the help they need. It also increases funding for drug and alcohol treatment for offenders who likely can stay out of trouble if they can curb their addictions.

**The Public Safety budget is nearly \$2 billion,  
about 7% of the State General Fund**



## The Governor's Budget for Public Safety

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<b>Hold people accountable for committing crimes</b>	<p><b>Puts dangerous sex offenders in secure treatment.</b> The Governor's budget funds a 32 percent increase in the number of sex predators civilly committed and treated at the Special Commitment Center on McNeil Island. This population is expected to grow from 210 at the end of 2004 to 277 by June 2007. <i>\$18.4 million GF-State</i></p> <p><b>Pays for expanding prison population.</b> An expected 6 percent increase in the prison population – from 17,000 at the end of 2004 to 18,000 over the next biennium – is funded. Costs include renting prison cells in other states, as well as supervising 26,000 offenders after their release from prison. <i>\$40.4 million GF-State</i></p> <p><b>Supervises offenders across state lines.</b> Funding is provided for a new interstate compact between Washington and other states, which will lead to effective supervision of felons and some misdemeanants who move between states for legitimate reasons. <i>\$822,000 GF-State</i></p>
<b>Solve crimes and mobilize communities</b>	<p><b>Increases crime laboratory staffing.</b> New crime-lab operations in Vancouver and Spokane are funded, and staff is added to help police solve crimes by meeting growing demand for analysis of DNA samples. DNA analysis continues to grow in importance as a major tool in detecting and convicting crime suspects. <i>\$500,000 GF-State, \$5.4 million other funds</i></p> <p><b>Improves justice information.</b> Better links are made to the new Summary Offender Profile and other projects of the Washington Integrated Justice Information Board, so law enforcement, courts and corrections officers can quickly obtain state and local data. <i>\$684,000 Public Safety and Education Account</i></p> <p><b>Mobilizes communities.</b> Funding is increased for proven programs that bring communities together to reduce violence and drug abuse. These programs bring together neighborhoods, schools, police and others to steer children away from crime, to prevent crime in neighborhoods, and to respond to crime where and when it happens. <i>\$1.2 million Violence Reduction and Drug Enforcement Account</i></p>
<b>Take care of victims and rehabilitate those in need of treatment</b>	<p><b>Maintains crime victim compensation.</b> This program's costs have risen because of increased claims for emergency and hospital treatment. The Governor's budget preserves the program and restores full funding of forensic examinations for sexual assault victims. <i>\$36.8 million Public Safety and Education Account</i></p> <p><b>Provides more access to alcohol and drug treatment.</b> Increases funding to close the gap between treatment need and availability in the criminal justice system and communities. Funding for county drug courts and other treatment through the justice system is almost doubled. Funding for community-based treatment of those who cannot pay for it is offset by savings in other health-related costs. <i>\$17.8 million GF-State, \$7.6 million Criminal Justice Treatment Account</i></p>